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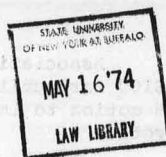
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CORRECTION: The Bookstore wishes to clarify that it will be open, during the weeks June 24th to August 9th, only on Monday's & Wednesday's (9:00 - 3:30).

PLACEMENT: The Career Development and Placement Office is pleased to announce that effective, Monday, May 13, 1974, Ms. Nancy Koziel has joined us as secretary.

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS: The Career Development and Placement Office is mailing to you a card seeking information as to whether you have found a job or are still considering opportunities. We would appreciate your cooperation in sending or bringing the card back to Room 312 as soon as possible.

SIMULATED LAW FIRM: Professor Kaplan has announced that the sign-up for the SLF program next fall will continue through May 24 and that there will be no limits placed on the number of students wishing to indicate interest. Sign-up sheets are available at the Registration desk.

By June 5, selection will be made, by a method yet to be determined, from among those having indicated interest. Students will then have until June 15 to register.

SBA WRAPS UP BUDGETS by Ray Bowie

Meeting in special session, the SBA Board of Directors completed action on the 1974-75 budget last Tuesday, only one day before the deadline for submission of student government budgets to Sub Board I. The action means that SBA organizations will be able to begin drawing upon their new budgets as of September.

Consideration of budgets resumed the Friday before with the Budget Committee's recommendation of \$1147 for the Athletic Committee, which included an amount of \$1.50 per student so that law students could use gym facilities and equipment without individually paying \$5 each. The Athletic Budget passed with little debate.

Social Committee received \$2,000 for two large parties, \$120 for a picnic perhaps in Delaware Park, \$1,065 for a series of monthly happy hours, and \$290 for individual organization parties.

Association of Women Law Students was allocated \$558, including \$100 for publication of newsletters and \$418 for convention expenses. A motion to increase convention expenses to \$500 failed by 8 to 5 vote.

Controversy erupted when, during consideration of the BALSAs (Black American Law Student) budget, BALSAs President Chui Karega asked for a \$2,500 grant or loan to serve as seed money whereby BALSAs could stage fund-raising concerts for minority recruitment. After several directors balked at the proposal that SBA giving BALSAs first claim to the first \$2,500 available next fall, BALSAs settled for an SBA commitment to provide some seed money if available in September, which motion passed by 8 to 6 vote. BALSAs also received, on motion of Laura Zeisel, an increase of \$200 for community seminar and \$150 for minority symposium, bringing the total BALSAs budget from the recommended \$1,155 to an allocated \$1,525.

Buffalo Legislation Project was budgeted, for the first time, to the amount of \$290, after attempts, motivated by the belief that the School should be encouraged to fund BLP, were made to delete the whole budget. The attempts failed.

Distinguished Visitors Forum was allocated \$3,540 for speaker programs next year, but not before SBA director Mark Linneman strongly objected to what he called the "ideological bias" of the program this spring.

With little debate, Environmental Law Society and Gay Law Students, a recently revived group, received \$285 and \$35 budgets respectively.

Debate arose again, however, over several attempts to delete funds recommended for the International Law Society budget. Bert Slonim moved unsuccessfully to transfer the \$100 Jessup Competition line from International Law to Moot Court. The two organizations have in the past contested over which has the right to send a team to the Jessup, and SBA seems to have supported ILS. Laura Zeisel moved to delete the \$180 ILS was to receive for a weekend symposium at the UN, but this too was defeated as ILS received a full budget of \$505.

In rapid succession, the Directors approved \$443 for LSCRRRC (Law Students Civil Rights Research Council), \$700 for Moot Court Board, \$400 for National Lawyers Guild (including an extra \$50 for publicity and \$10 for postage approved on motion from Bert Slonim), \$4,423 for Opinion (including second priority for available funds next fall to restore the full 14 issues requested instead of the 11 allocated), \$0 for PAD, and \$220 for Puerto Rican Law Students (after recommending that PRLSA seek funding from the School for its downtown bilingual referral service).

Serious allegations of discrimination and even unconstitutionality were raised, however, with respect to the \$230 the budget committee recommended for Law Wives. Bette Gould, Rosemary Gerasia, and Carl Howard attacked the organization for discriminating against husbands, not being a student group, and failing to benefit the student body. Amendments offered by Bert Slonim, which would have required a public statement from Law Wives to the effect that they admit all spouses, and by Pearl Tom, which would have changed the name to "Law Spouses," were both defeated before the Directors voted 5 to 5 on the budget. Laura Zeisel, chairing the meeting in the absence of President Don Lohr, broke the tie by voting not to fund Law Wives.

Rosemary Gerasia suggested that, since Law Wives had no budget, SBA take their office (room 8) and put cots in it so that it could be made into the health room, but no action was taken on the suggestion.

Of the entire SBA budget now passed, \$345 remains unallocated and will be carried over as surplus into the fall.

